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FOLLOWING REPEAT ATHENS 4112 ACTION SECSTATE
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SUBJECT: TO VIMA CITES US PERIODICAL FOR ALLEGATION FORMER
AMB TALBOT SOUGHT FUNDS FOR USE AGAINST GEORGE PAPANDREOU

1. TO VIMA JUN 4 PRINTED FRONT PAGE STORY HIGHLIGHTING AN
EXTRACT FROM
LENGTHY ARTICLE BY JOURNALIST LAWRENCE STERN IN
FORTHCOMING ISSUE US PERIODICAL "FOREIGN POLICY" RELEVANT
TO FORMER AMBASSADOR TO GREECE PHILLIPS TALBOT. (NOTE:
OVERALL ARTICLE BY STERN REPEATEDLY IS CONCERNED WITH
"BEHIND SCENES ACTIVITY RELATED TO CYPRUS COUP".) TO VIMA
REPORTS THAT TALBOT HAD ALLEGEDLY SUGGESTED TO WHITE HOUSE
THAT HE BE PERMITTED DISPOSITION OF \$100,000 FROM "SECRET
APPROPRIATIONS" WITH PURPOSE OF FINANCING POLITICAL OPPOSITION
TO GEORGE PAPANDREOU IN ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 1967.
TO VIMA STATES "FOREIGN POLICY" PIECE DECLARES TALBOT MADE
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SUGGESTION TO WASHINGTON AFTER "INTENSE PRESSURE BOTH BY

CIA STATION CHIEF IN ATHENS AND CERTAIN MEMBERS OF
EMBASSY."

2. AMB TALBOT IS CURRENTLY ON PRIVATE VISIT TO GREECE
AND IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN HERE UNTIL JUN 9. OTHER THAN
CURRENT TO VIMA REPORT, SEVERAL SHORT ITEMS HAVE APPEARED
IN PRESS PAST WEEKEND NOTING TALBOT PRESENCE HERE AND RAISING
QUESTIONS AS TO ITS SIGNIFICANCE. WE DO NOT HOWEVER EXPECT
STORY TO BE CARRIED FURTHER.
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